

# OUTDOOR EDUCATION CIT PROGRAM



**NEW THIS YEAR...**

**Online applications will be  
accepted through Mar. 31, 2017.**

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**Ready to take on a leadership role?** The Outdoor Education section is seeking teen volunteers (Ages 13 - 17, and completed 7th grade) for our Counselor in Training (CIT) program. Teens must be motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and willing to work with children in the outdoors.

CITs work alongside camp counselors where they teach campers, play games, hike, fish, canoe, and more. Build confidence and gain experience while transitioning from camper to counselor.

**Dates of Camp:**

Session 1 June 12-16

Session 2 June 19-23

Session 3 June 26-30

Session 4 July 3-7 (no camp July 4)

Session 5 July 10-14

Session 6 July 17-21

Session 7 July 24-28

Session 8 July 31- August 4

Session 9 August 7-11

Session 10 August 14-18

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## **Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Outdoor Education CIT Volunteer Information**

The CIT program runs for 10 weeks during the summer at Indian Village, Camp Terra, Camp Terra Preschool, and Camp Walnut. CITs pay \$20 to participate, which covers the cost of two volunteer shirts and an event at the end of the summer. (Financial aid is available through the Outdoor Education CRC). Must be able to work Monday through Friday of all assigned weeks and attend orientation. This is a volunteer position, however, if we feel you are not performing up to expectations we reserve the right to dismiss you.

### **SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Assist the camp director and counselors in organizing recreational activities for youth ages 4-12. Assist youth in arts and crafts, games, and outdoor activities. Help ensure the safety of program participants at all times. Assist in maintaining organization of site by completing tasks assigned. Follow instructions efficiently and effectively, requiring minimal guidance while completing assigned duties. Take the initiative to assist site staff in daily duties. Maintain a thorough knowledge of all policies and procedures; make sure policies and procedures are followed at all times. Assist in the supervision of youth while on excursions. Maintain positive environment for program participants. Strive to be a role model for program participants. Perform other duties as assigned.

### **WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

Works primarily in an outdoor park facility, both indoors and outdoors, in varying types of weather.

### **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

CITs must have a desire to work with youth and to interact in a positive manner with all ages and backgrounds of children. This position requires a desire to develop leadership skills, problem-solving abilities and decision-making skills. CITs must have the ability to motivate self, peers, and youth in an enthusiastic manner. CITs must be reliable, honest, creative, and willing to follow through on all assigned tasks.

### **EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must be between 13-17 years of age and have completed 7th grade. Preference will be given to returning CITs, previous outdoor education summer campers, and volunteers who can participate at least three weeks. Experience working with youth in areas such as babysitting, scouts, church groups, sports or any other volunteer work is preferred. Qualified applicants must possess a clean and professional appearance and attitude and be comfortable working with the public.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Applications must be received by Friday, March 31, 2017. All new CITs and returning CITs, not in good standing are required to interview. Returning CITs in good standing do not need to interview. Interviews will take place the week of April 10, 2017. Applicants will be notified as to which weeks they were accepted for and given orientation information no later than May 1, 2017. ***Please note, due to the popularity of the CIT program, not all applicants will be accepted.***